
Constitution of the Goddard Dance Club (GDC)

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GDC P.O. address:
P. O. Box 173, Glenn Dale, MD 20769.

GDC Web Site and specific reference to Constitution and Bylaws:
<http://gewa.gsfc.nasa.gov/clubs/dance/goddard.htm>

GDC IRS 501(c)(7) Employer Tax Exempt Number:
52 1756864

Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation
GDC incorporated 12/6/1991
GDC Department ID Number D 03332012

GEWA Web site and specific reference to GEWA Constitution:
http://gewa.gsfc.nasa.gov/documents/gewa_const_sep02.pdf

Goddard Space Flight Center
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
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1. Constitution — Charter

1.1. The Goddard Dance Club (GDC) existed prior to 1986. It was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in Maryland on December 6, 1991. GDC conducts its activities at the Greenbelt facility of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Goddard Space Flight Center (NASA GSFC), Greenbelt, MD 20771. This Club is recognized by and operates within the Constitution and Bylaws of the NASA Goddard Employees Welfare Association (GEWA). Federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) non-profit 501 (c) (7) status was obtained in 2006.

2. Constitution — Purpose

2.1. The GDC shall promote the social, cultural and athletic benefits of social dancing among the members and friends of the Goddard community by providing opportunities to learn, practice and enjoy social dance.

3. Constitution — Membership

3.1. Current and retired civil service employees of NASA GSFC Greenbelt, NASA Headquarters, Wallops Flight Facility, or Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) are eligible to be voting members of this organization. Current contract employees at GSFC are also eligible. Voting eligibility of badged employees will be verified primarily through listing in the Locator and Information Services Tracking System (LISTS) of GSFC. Voting eligibility of retired civil service employees will be verified primarily through listing in the Goddard Retirees Association Directory of GSFC.

3.2. Dance partners of persons who qualify for GDC membership under Section 3.1 of this Article are also eligible to vote if they are at least eighteen years old and reside at the same address.

3.3. Persons who do not qualify for membership under Sections 3.1 or 3.2 of this Article are eligible to become guest members of the organization at the invitation of a sponsor who is a member. Guest members cannot vote or hold elected office on the Executive Committee. Guest members are eligible to renew their guest memberships in subsequent years without a sponsor.

4. Constitution — Administration

4.1. The GDC is administered by an Executive Committee consisting of four elected officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

4.2. For purposes of regular administrative meetings, the Executive Committee can be expanded to include advisory members appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee. Such an expanded committee is called the Executive Council.

5. Constitution — Officer Eligibility

5.1. GDC Officers must have been active members of the GDC for at least eight months by the beginning of their term and must be either active or retired civil servants or currently badged on-site contractors at GSFC.

6. Constitution — Meetings of the Membership

6.1. The President may call a Meeting of the Membership at any time.

6.2. Two members of the Executive Committee or ten or more voting members may petition the Executive Committee for a Meeting of the Membership as long as the reason for the meeting is stated in writing.

6.3. The Executive Committee must give notice of a Meeting of the Membership to voting members at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting.

7. Constitution — Amendments to the Constitution

7.1. Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee and contain the signatures of at least ten voting members, three of the four Club officers, or be approved by the Executive Committee or Board.

7.2. The Executive Committee shall instruct the Election Committee to distribute proposed amendments to the voting membership for approval or rejection at least two weeks in advance of a scheduled vote.

7.3. Three-fourths or more of the ballots cast are required to amend the Constitution.

7.4. The Election Committee may collect the ballots from a Meeting of the Membership, classes, the postal service mail and/or email. The collection of ballots by postal service and email may occur for at least a week, but no more than two weeks prior to the deadline for voting.

7.5. An approved amended copy of the Constitution must be submitted for the record by the Secretary to the Clubs Chair of GEWA as well as to the IRS and the State of Maryland.

8. Constitution — Impeachment

8.1. The procedure for impeachment of an officer is initiated by submission of a written "Petition for Impeachment" to the Executive Committee. The petition must include the date, the name of the officer, at least one reason for impeachment, and the signatures of at least ten voting members or three of the four Club officers.

8.2. The Executive Committee shall instruct the Election Committee to distribute the proposed petition to the voting membership for approval or rejection at least two weeks in advance of a scheduled vote at a Meeting of the Membership supervised by the Election Committee.

8.3. The Meeting of the Membership shall be for the sole purpose of the impeachment. For this meeting a quorum shall consist of at least ten voting members.

8.4. Three-fourths or more of the written ballots cast at the Meeting are required to impeach an elected officer.

8.5. An election committee certified copy of a voter approved impeachment must be submitted for the record by the Secretary to the Clubs Chair of GEWA as well as to the IRS and the State of Maryland.

9. Constitution — Club Dissolution

9.1. In the event that the Goddard Dance Club is dissolved, all of its assets will be conveyed to GEWA.